

City needs new landfill, \$1½ million waterworks Kennedy tells council

Four untouched acres remaining in Highland Park's sanitary landfill will last only two more years, City Manager Stan Kennedy told the city council Monday evening. After that, private refuse collection companies will have to raise their fees from \$3.95 to \$4.50 a month, to pay extra mileage and dumping charges at a private landfill at Milwaukee ave. and Deerfield rd., or even more at landfills 28 miles away.

The problem of where to put the garbage was one of two thick reports Kennedy presented this week, illustrated with slides at the council meeting. The other report was on new waterworks for the north end of town, estimated to require a water revenue bond of \$1½ million. Water rates must be raised to repay the bonds, according to that report.

Should consult Highwood

Councilman Raymond J. Geraci argued for saving the four virgin acres for a future incinerator, and redigging the north end of the landfill for additional 25 feet of refuse. The city of Highwood, which owns the north end, should be consulted, and engineering advice for the future should be obtained, Geraci said; repairs should be made to the tepee incinerator to reduce smoke and fly ash nuisances.

Kennedy's report calls for \$5,000 of landscaping around the landfill next spring, to screen the view from Skokie Valley rd. It also recommends a long-range study by the League of Women Voters.

Solution distant

All cities face similar garbage problems, Kennedy said; all must get rid of it, but none want the disposal site next door. The North Suburban Council on Refuse Disposal has been meeting for "years and years but is getting no closer to a solution," Kennedy said.

"Detroit suburbs got together on one large site. For 20 of them it's great; for three or four it's horrible."

And incineration is economically uncompetitive, Kennedy said, as long as landfill sites are available and collection fees repay haulage costs.

Waterworks recommended by consulting engineers would include:

- A 2-million-gallon reservoir underground in Old Elm park, if the park board will consent;

- A 24-inch main on Western ave. to supply the reservoir;

- Completion of loops through the northwest corner of the city;

- A trunk on Skokie Valley rd. for areas now depending on wells.

Describes bad well

One resident of an unserved area told of sulfurous well water and urged all possible speed. She spent \$7,000 with Culligan to no avail, she said.

In other business the city council authorized Kennedy to plan a special census. The last one was in 1965. Its cost was more than repaid by increased gasoline tax eligibility.

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